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SUBJ: CCD: CO-CHAIRMAN'S MEETING, FEB 17, 1976

1. CCD CO-CHAIRMEN MARTIN(US), AND ROSCHIN (USSR)
MET TUESDAY MORNING, FEB 17, TO DISCUSS WORK OF
THE CCD'S SPRING SESSION. MAJOR TOPICS DISCUSSED
INCLUDED CCD PROCEDURES, ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION,
SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR CONVENTION BANNING NEW WEAPONS
OF MASS DESTRUCTION, NONPROLIFERATION AND PNES, AND
CHEMICAL WEAPONS. HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW.

2. CCD PROCEDURES. MARTIN EXPLAINED PROPOSAL IN
OPENING US STATEMENT THAT CCD UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE
REVIEW OF ALL ITS PROCEDURES DURING THE 1976 SESSION,
WITH THE AIM OF CODIFYING THEM, INCLUDING ANY CHANGES
THAT MIGHT BE AGREED UPON, IN A SINGLE DOCUMENT.
(DELOFFS HAD INFORMED SOVIET ALTERNATE REP
NAZARKIN OF PROPOSAL ON MONDAY). MARTIN SAID US
SAW ADVANTAGES IN TAKING INITIATIVE ON THE SUBJECT
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IN VIEW OF COMMITTEE'S COMMITMENT TO DISCUSS ITS

ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND ITS REPORT FOR 1976 AND PROBABILITY OF FAR-REACHING PROPOSALS FOR REORGANIZATION BY ROMANIANS AND MEXICANS. HE ALSO NOTED IMPORTANCE OF CCD TAKING STEPS TO EXAMINE ITS OWN PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO AVOID INTERFERENCE BY AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW DISARMAMENT ROLE OF U OR 1976 UNGA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT US CONSIDERED SOME EXISTING PROCEDURES ESSENTIAL AND HAD MADE NO DECISIONS ON ACCEPTABILITY OF ANY PARTICULAR CHANGES IN CCD PROCEDURES, INCLUDING INSTITUTION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, WHICH WE CONTINUE TO REGARD AS SATISFACTORY. HE SAID THAT US IS WILLING TO DISCUSS ALL PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES AND TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE, WHICH WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO STEADY EROSION OF ADVANTAGES THROUGH PIECEMEAL DECISIONS.

3. ROSHCHIN SAID PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS WERE A "DELICATE MATTER" REQUIRING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION IN CAPITALS AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN CO-CHAIRMEN, SOVIETS, HE SAID, DO NOT CONSIDER IT "CONVENIENT" TO TAKE INITIATIVE ON SUBJECT. IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FIRST TO HEAR VIEWS OF OTHERS, TO DISCUSS SUBJECT BILATERALLY, DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CAPITALS, AND THEN MAKE JOINT PROPOSAL TO CCD. SOVIETS WERE PREPARED TO HEAR SUGGESTIONS BUT WOULD NEED TIME TO "DIGEST" THEM. ROSHCHIN SAID SOVIETS WOULD NOT INCLUDE REFERENCE TO PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS IN THEIR OPENING STATEMENT. MARTIN REPLIED THAT US PROPOSAL WAS NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH SOVIET VIEWS. US STATEMENT WOULD NOT PROPOSE OR ENDORSE ANY CHANGES IN PROCEDURES, RATHER, US PURPOSE WAS TO ESTABLISH FRAMEWORK FOR INTERRELATED CONSIDERATION OF, AND DECISION ON, ALL PROCEDURAL ISSUES. HE SAID US WOULD EXPECT TO WORK CLOSELY WITH SOVIETS IN CONSIDERING ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT MIGHT BE PUT FORWARD ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION. ROSHCHIN SAID SOVIETS WANTED TO SEE ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETED QUICKLY IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUING VALUE OF CCD. MARTIN SAID US ALSO HOPED NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PROCEED QUICKLY, CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDING THAT US EXPECTED TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON ENMOD DURING SESSION. HE SAID IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR US AND SOVIET DELS TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT DURING NEGOTIATIONS.

5. WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. ROSHCHIN SAID THE SOVIETS WOULD PROPOSE INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS TO EXAMINE THEIR MDW PROPOSAL. HE ASKED IF THE US

WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH MEETINGS. ADDING THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO FIX A DATE. MARTIN NOTED THAT US POSITION ON MDW HAD NOT CHANGED. HE SAID US WAS INTERESTED IN HEARING SOVIET EXPLANATION OF THE MDW PROPOSAL BUT DID NOT INTEND TO RAISE THE SUBJECT. HE SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY US EXPERTS. ROSCHIN SAID HE WOULD LEAVE QUESTION OF US PARTICIPATION OPEN FOR THE MOMENT.

6. NONPROLIFERATION AND PNE. ROSCHIN SAID SOVIETS PLANNED MAJOR STATEMENT DURING SPRING SESSION DEALING WITH "ALL ASPECTS" OF NONPROLIFERATION, INCLUDING PNE PROBLEMS. HE SAID SOVIETS WISHED TO HEAR FROM JAPANESE ON SITUATION IN DIET WITH RESPECT TO NPT RATIFICATION.

7. CHEMICAL WEAPONS. ROSCHIN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING CHEMICAL WEAPONS. MARTIN REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT AND SAID US STUDY WAS CONTINUING. BRUNGART

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